

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NAVAL AUDIT SERVICE 1006 BEATTY PLACE SE WASHINGTON NAVY YARD, DC 20374-5005

November 8, 2019

Subj: YOUR FOIA REQUEST (DON-NAVY-2020-001309)

Hello:

This letter is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), dated October 21, 2019, for:

"Any and all available records pertaining to the DARPA Restoring Active Memory (RAM) program, co-operative agreement: N66001-14-2-4032 and/or any, all, or any combination of the following National Institute of Health and National Science Foundation grant codes:

NIH R01 NS099348

NSF BCS-1441502

NSF BCS-1631550

In particular, please provide:

- 1) The Statement of Work/Scope on each sub-program or full contract with each contractawardee or winning offeror company or institution, and the full Statement of Work included with each contract:
- 2) Complete Documentation of Informed Consent from all human subjects utilized by or involved with this program in any way, including:
- 2. a) The FWA (Federal Wide Assurance) signed off by the Office of Human Research Protections, Department of Health and Human Services.
- 2. b) Detailed Informed Consent documents including lists of consenting human subjects, specific information provided to human subjects, and signed documents from human subjects attesting to Informed Consent.
- 2. c) Any additional internal CIA document assuring compliance with the Common Rule signed off by the Institutional Review Board involved.
- 2. d) All affirmations of Compliance Oversight from the Office of Human Subject Research Protections.
- 2. e) All Waivers of Consent from the Secretary of Defense or any other federal agency, as applicable, including the full reasons for these waivers.
- 3) Complete Documentation with precise details on Location and Field of Operation where scientific instruments and/or weapons are being utilized or tested, "wittingly" or "unwittingly," overtly or covertly, on human beings--namely US immigrants, citizens or any individuals present in the USA whether temporarily or permanently, currently or formerly." (You subsequently assisted us in our search by providing the parameters "I am looking for informed consent documentation or any documentation whatsoever regarding subjects utilized in the RAM project, co-operative agreement N66001-14-2-4032, between the years 2013 to current.")

Naval Audit Service researched and did not find any documents that are responsive to your request.

I am the official responsible for the response to your request. If you have any questions, please contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Nancy Reuter, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, by mail at the address shown in the letterhead, or at nancy.reuter@navy.mil.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the Naval Audit Service's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to Naval Audit Service at our address shown in the letterhead, marked ATTN: FOIA. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of the response to your request. Please provide a letter requesting an appeal, with a copy of your initial request and a copy of the letter of denial, in an envelope marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." You are encouraged (though not required) to provide an explanation why you believe the redactions were inappropriate.

To ensure that your request is received by the deadline, I recommend that you make your appeal by using FOIAonline, https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home. Alternatively, you may mail your appeal to:

The Judge Advocate General (Code 14) 1322 Patterson Avenue SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA coordinator at nancy.reuter@navy.mil. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil, (703) 697-0031.

Sincerely,

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Auditor General of the Navy (Acting)